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Public Hearing Testimony  
March 11, 2009  
Transportation Committee  
Kevin Witkos, State Senator, 8<sup>th</sup> District

### **Re: Senate Bill 435 – An Act Creating a New Motor Vehicle Moving Violation**

Good morning Senator DeFronzo, Representative Guerrero, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of raised *Senate Bill 435 – An Act Creating a New Motor Vehicle Moving Violation*.

The purpose of this bill is to create a new moving violation for actions that better define the cause of accidents than what current statutes allow for.

Currently, most operators of vehicles that are charged in a rear-end accident are issued an infraction for following too close or traveling too fast for conditions. The names of these titles carry an aggressive overtone in them and may not necessarily reflect the true cause of the accident.

In fact, the bill language addresses one of the most common causes of accidents. Operators would be charged with one of the two above referenced charges which actually do not fit the language of the statute. This statute will give law enforcement another tool for enforcement which actually fits the circumstances and cause of the accident.

I would ask the committee to change the language of the bill from traffic signal to traffic control device so that stop signs would be included as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Witkos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K" and a distinct "W".

Kevin Witkos  
State Senator, 8<sup>th</sup> District